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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR STABLER'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT

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1. THERE FOLLOW BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH VERSIONS OF A DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR STABLER. THE STATEMENT WOULD BE READ AND PASSED OUT IN THE PRESS ROOM OF THE VIP LOUNGE IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING THOSE RECEIVING THE AMBASSADOR AT THE AIRPORT.

2. I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO SERVE THE UNITED STATES IN THE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT POST OF AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN AND TO BRING GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT FORD. ONE OF THE FEW REWARDS I HAVE MISSED IN A LONG DIPLOMATIC CAREER IS THAT OF PREVIOUSLY VISITING YOUR WONDERFUL COUNTRY. I AM CONFIDENT THT MY ASSIGNMENT WILL GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SATISFY AN AMBITION THAT I HAVE HARBORED SINCE MY CHILDHOOD IN HISPANOAMERICA. THAT IS TO GAIN FIRST-HAND UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOURCE OF HISPANIC CIVILIZATION, WHICH IS ONE OF MANKIND'S PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENTS.

3. THE EXISTENCE OF THE UNITED STATES ALONG WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF NORTH, SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN IS ITSELF LASTING TESTIMONY THAT SPAIN'S DISCOVERIES AND DEVELOPMENT IN OUR HEMIS-
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PHERE CHANGED THE ENTIRE WORLD. THAT TESTIMONY IS

ESPECIALLY TIMELY BECAUSE I ARRIVE IN SPAIN DURING
ANOTHER PERIOD IN WHICH THE WORLD IS BEING RESHAPED.
NO COUNTRY IS BEING LEFT UNTOUCHED BY THE POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHANGES SWEEPING THE WORLD TODAY.

4. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER CALLED ATTENTION TO
THIS FACT RECENTLY WHEN HE SAID, "...WE ARE ENTERING
A NEW ERA. OLD INTERNATIONAL PATTERNS ARE CRUMBLING;
OLD SLOGANS ARE UNINSTRUCTIVE; OLD SOLUTIONS ARE UNAVAILING.
THE WORLD HAS BECOME INTERDEPENDENT IN ECONOMICS, IN
COMMUNICATIONS, IN HUMAN ASPIRATIONS. NO ONE NATION,
NO ONE PART OF THE WORLD CAN PROSPER OR BE SECURE IN
ISOLATION."

5. THE UNCHARTERED COURSE ON WHICH WE ARE EMBARKED TODAY
POSES A NEW CHALLENGE TO SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES
AS LONG-TIME PARTNERS AND FRIENDS. IT IS TO ASSURE
THE CONTINUATION OF MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF FRUITFUL
COOPERATION WHILE SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO UNPRECEDENTED
PROBLEMS THAT PROMISE NO SIMPLE SOLUTIONS. AS WE
STRIVE FOR NEW DIRECTIONS, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP
IN MIND THAT OUR COOPERATION HAS TO DATE STRENGTHENED
THE SECURITY OF THE WESTERN WORLD, AND EACH OF OUR
COUNTRIES AS VITAL COMPONENTS OF THAT WORLD; IT HAS
CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO SPAIN'S IMPRESSIVE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HAS ENRICHED THE UNITED
STATES, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN AND CULTURAL
EXCHANGE.

6. WE CAN VIEW THE WORLD SITUATION TODAY, WHICH MAY
APPEAR TO BE AN ACCUMULATION OF CRISIS UPON CRISIS,
WITH DESPAIR, OR AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR UNPARALLELED
CREATIVITY. I CHOOSE TO BE OPTIMISTIC AND VIEW IT AS
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES,
AS THE FRIENDS THAT THEY ARE, TO FOSTER CONTINUED
PROGRESS AT HOME AND IN THE WORLD AT LARGE. I WILL
DEDICATE MY EFFORTS AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR
TO SPAIN TO THAT OVERRIDING PURPOSE.

"EL SECRETARIO DE ESTADO KISSINGER LLAMO LA
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ATENCION ACERCA DE ESTE HECHO RECIENTEMENTE CUANDO
DIJO: "...ESTAMOS ENTRANDO EN UNA NUEVA ERA. LAS
VIEJAS CONFIGURACIONES INTERNACIONALES SE ESTAN
DESORONANDO; LOS VIEJOS JEMAS NADA NOS DICEN; LAS
ANTIGUAS SOLUCIONES NO SIRVEN. EL MUNDO SE HA HECHO
EN LAS ASPIRACIONES HUMANAS. NINGUNA NACION, NINGUNA
PARTE DEL MUNDO, PUEDE PROSPERAR O SENTIRSE SEGURA EN
EL AISLAMIENTO.'

"LA RUTA QUE HEMOS EMPRENDIDO HOY CARECE DE MAPAS Y SUPONE UN NUEVO DESAFIO PARA ESPANA Y LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS COMO COMPANEROS Y AMIGOS YA ANTIGUOS. SE TRATA DE ASEGURAR LA CONTINUACION DE MAS DE DOS DECENIOS DE FRUCTIFERA COOPERACION A LA PAR QUE BUSCAMOS SALIDA PARA PROBLEMAS SIN PRECEDENTES, QUE NO NOS BRINDAN FACILES SOLUCIONES. AL ESFORZARNOS PARA AVANZAR EN NEUVAS DIRECCIONES ES ESENCIAL QUE MANTEGAMOS PRESENTE QUE NUESTRA COOPERACION HA FORTALECIDO HASTA AHORA LA SEGURIDAD DEL MUNDO OCCIDENTAL Y DE NUESTROS RESPECTIVOS PAISES COMO COMPONENTES VITALES DE ESE MUNDO; HA CONTRIBUIDO DE MANERA IMPORTANTE AL IMPRESIONANTE DESARROLLO ECONOMICO DE ESPANA, Y HA

7. TRANSLATION OF AMBASSADOR STABLER'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

" ES PARA MI UN GRAN HONOR SERVIR A LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS EN EL PUESTO EXTREMADAMENTE IMPORTANTE DE EMBAJADOR EN ESPANA Y TRAER LOS SALUDOS DE PRESIDENTE FORD. UNO DE LOS POCOS GOZOS DE QUE NO HE DISFRUTADO HASTA AHORA EN MI LARGA CARRERA DIPLOMATICA, HA SIDO EL DE VISITAR VUESTRO MARAVILLOSO PAIS. CONFIO EN QUE MI NOMBRAMIENTO ME DE OCASION DE SATISFACER UNA AMBICION QUE HE ALIMENTADO DESDE MI NINEZ EN HISPANO-AMERICA, LA DE CONOCER DIRECTAMENTE EL MANANTIAL DE LA CIVILIZACION HISPANICA, UNO DE LOS MAS NOBLES LOGROS DE LA HUMANIDAD.

"LA EXISTENCIA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS JUNTO CON LA DE OTROS PAISES EN AMERICA DEL NORTE, DEL SUR Y CENTRAL, ADEMAS DE EN EL CARIBE, ES TESTIMONIO DURADERO DE QUE LOS DESCUBRIMIENTOS Y EL DESARROLLO LLEVADO A CABO POR ESPANA EN NUESTRO HEMISFERIO CAMBIERON TODO EL MUNDO. ESE TESTIMONIO ES SIGULARMENTE OPORTUNO HOY PORQUE LLEGO A ESPANA EN OTRO PERIODO EN EL QUE ELMUNDO ESTA CAMBIANDO. NINGUN PAIS ESTA DEJANDO DE SER AFECTADO POR LOS CAMBIOS

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POLITICOS, ECONOMICOS Y SOCIALES QUE ESTAN SACUDIENDO A LA HUMANIDAD.

ENRIQUECIDO A LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS ESPECIALMENTE EN AL CAMPO DE LOS INTERCAMBIOS HUMANOS Y CULTURALES.

"PODEMOS CONTEMPLAR LA ACTUAL SITUACION DEL MUNDO, EN EL QUE PARACEN AMONTONARSE LAS CRISIS UNAS SOBRE OTRAS, CON DESESPERANZA O COMO OCASION SIN PRECEDENTES DE DESARROLLAR NUESTRA CREATIVIDAD. ELIJO SENTIRME ESPERANZADO Y VERLO COMO OCASION, TANTO PARA ESPANA COMO PARA LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, Y ENTRE LOS DOS, COMO AMIGOS QUE SON, DE CONTINUAR PROGRESANDO TANTO NACIONAL COMO INTERNACIONALMENTE. DEDICARE MI LABOR COMO EMBAJADOR DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS EN ESPANA A ESE PROPOSITO PRIMORDIAL."

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